

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A processor comprising:

a print data storing unit storing print data of an accepted print job;  
a spool file storing unit storing said print data read out from said print data storing unit;  
a processing unit for registering a print request command of said accepted print job,  
storing said print data of said print job in said print data storing unit, setting ~~[[an]]~~ a flag  
information for identifying the end of storage of said print data into said print data storing unit,  
reading out said print data from said print data storing unit in accordance with said print request  
command and writing the print data to said spool file storing unit, and

a device control filter for analyzing and processing said print data sequentially read out  
from said spool file storing unit, ~~until the information indicating the end of storage of said print  
data is set by~~ when the flag information of the print job sent from said processing unit is  
recognized, and outputting said print data so analyzed and processed to a printer,

wherein said processing unit starts writing said print data read out from said print data  
storing unit to said spool file storing unit in accordance with said print request command, before  
said processing unit finishes storing said print data in said print data storing unit.

2. (Previously Presented): A processor as set forth in claim 1, wherein said processing  
unit informs said device control filter that the storing of said print data of said print job has been

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completed, and wherein said device control filter analyzes and processes said print data that had been stored in and read out from said print data storing unit to the end of said print data.

3. (Previously Presented): A processor as set forth in claim 1, wherein said processing unit can accept and register a plurality of print jobs, and wherein said device control filter can analyze and process print data of respective print jobs read out in accordance with said print request command for output to a plurality of different printers.

4-6. (Cancelled)